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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2001 in the parent case, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks presented below.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 41, 80, and 105 without prejudice. Please amend claims 31, 40, 44-45, 69-70, 76-77, 79, 81, 83-84, 100-102, 104, 106 and 108 as follows.

C1 31. (Amended) An antimicrobial phosphate ester conveyor lubricant comprising alkyl alkoxylated phosphate ester, linear quaternary ammonium antimicrobial agent, and water; wherein the antimicrobial phosphate ester conveyor lubricant is free of fatty acid.

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